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Dunbar Staying, Game Committee Told by Minister

Game and Fisheries Minister George H. Dunbar has no intention of resigning that position. He made that clear yesterday when the Legislature's Fish and Game Committee met representatives from fish and game protective associations from all parts of the Province.

Previously, Mr. Dunbar had learned the Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers intended to suggest formation of a commission to administer the department, and, obviously angered, Mr. Dunbar jumped into it before it was presented.

"I have no idea of resigning no matter what the newspapers say," he declared. "I have been appointed a Minister of this Government and I'm going to stay there as long as the Prime Minister wants me there."

He declared the Ontario Federation had held its annual convention at the King Edward Hotel, and "I hope you enjoyed yourselves. We gave you \$500 and so I hope you had a good time. I don't know what occurred there, but I read about it in the press. That is not so good, when you have to hear things at second hand," he said.

Austin Peters, President of the Federation, later declared representatives of the Department had been present at the meeting, but through an oversight Mr. Dunbar and D. J. Taylor, Deputy Minister, had not been invited. He also declared the \$500 had been a grant to assist in educational work and had not been spent on the convention. The federation, he continued, was now in a position where it would not need further grants and would not again ask the Department for one.

Mr. Dunbar declared no one person in Ontario could know the entire Province, but that the Department had a better overall picture of game and fish conditions. "The Department is going ahead by leaps and bounds. Our hands were tied during the war and even today we cannot get materials to add to our hatcheries.

"You have got to crawl before you can walk. I think we are using good, sound common sense and feeling our way along. That is the way we are going to do as long as I am Minister of the Department," he said.

Henry Heineman, Pittsburg, president of the Northern Ontario Outfitters Association, declared he disagreed with Mr. Dunbar on men and materials. "At Marathon, there are plenty of materials and plenty of men to put them together on the construction of a new paper mill and townsite," he said.